



**Re Pathogen Boundary Conditions to the Passac River**

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Barbara,

Our goal is to complete the modeling and TMDL document development and get you all the info you need to move forward with these Pathogen TMDLs by the end of Feb. 2012.

We need your help to meet this schedule. I spoke with Rosella today and she told me that in order to move forward with the pathogen model run we need you to either confirm the current or provide new boundary conditions or provide an alternative approach for setting boundary conditions for the Passaic River.

Can you provide us this info by Monday or Tuesday Jan 23 or 24? If not, please provide a date you think you can meet.

With respect to TMDL support funding, we no longer have sufficient funds in the contract to complete the modeling, provide you with the TMDL Document and support on the response to comments. Rosella, Antony, Bob Nyman and I are looking for money and options to get the money to HydroQual. As it stands now, the issue may not be money but rather the availability of overhead and the fact that the contract expires on May 5, 2012.

Our plan is to use the money currently in the contract to support a model run and development of the TMDL document and begin working on getting money and a work assignment in place to provide response to comment support. Without getting into contract detail we may not be able to get new money to HydroQual until late fall of 2012. Assuming we get you everything you need to establish the TMDLs by the end of Feb, it would be helpful if you could tell me about when you expect to go to public notice with these TMDLs.

In summary:

NJDEP to provide, by 1/24/12, if possible

1. the Passaic Boundary data/approach (without this info, HydroQual can

not move forward with the modeling)

2. An estimated time frame for public notice of the pathogen TMDLs (this will help us determine if we can get money to HydroQual in a time frame that is consistent with your schedule.)

EPA to:

1: Find out if sufficient funds are currently in the HydroQual work assignment to complete the model run, the TMDL document and get you all that info by the end of Feb. We expect to find this out by Tuesday 1/24/12.

2. Look into finding money to fund support to response to comments and a mechanism for getting that money to HydroQual. We expect to find this out by Tuesday 1/24/12.

HydroQual: once we know when NJDEP will provide the Boundary data/approach

1. We will get a commitment from HydroQual to do as much of the modeling and TMDL document work that current funds can support. Our goal is to have this done by end of Feb 2012.

It's great to be back from vacation! I hate restful, peaceful, lazy sunny days cruising the Caribbean and listening to good music! Work is so much more fun! Another Pina Colada, please!

Thanks

Felix